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"WIPING OFF SOCKS."

Rev. Mr. Wadman, the clever and popular pastor of the Gorge Road Methodist church, is reported to have said in a speech at the Blue Ribbon meeting on Saturday night, that if the temperance party had placed a candidate in the field for the mayoralty he would have wiped the socks off both "Grant and Higgins." Without pronouncing an opinion upon the propriety of such a contest, we may be permitted to dissent from the reverend gentleman's view of what the result would have been had such a contest occurred. No temperance candidate could have "wiped the socks off" Mr. Grant, for the simple reason that Mr. Grant wears too many "socks," and if one or two pairs were removed it would still be found that he was well protected with socks. Possibly had there been a cold water candidate, pure and simple, Mr. Grant's splendid majority would have been reduced, but it must be apparent to the most ultra temperance advocate that the standard-bearer would have received a "sock"-dologer from which he never would have recovered. It would have been a bootless and sockless struggle, and the battle cry would have been "sock it to him." Socks are indispensable articles of attire, especially in cold weather, and it would be uncharitable to "wipe them off" with the mercury at zero. It would be more christian and quite as effective to give Grant and Higgins "fits," or knock them into a cocked hat. We would almost prefer seeing them meet any other fate—and would rather have them "smashed into smithereens" or "sat" upon, or "snowed under," or "busted higher than a kite"—but to have their "socks wiped off," never! The indignity would be insufferable, and on the whole we are inclined to advise Mr. Wadman, for whom we have a high respect, not to advise or attempt the interesting experiment just at present. Wait till the summer comes or until "the clouds roll by."

FALLING INTO LINE.

And now Manitoba, after a protracted struggle, yields to the Liberal wooers of that province and joins hands with Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick in the solid phalanx of Liberalism which exists in these provinces. Prince Edward Island may justly be termed the banner Liberal province of the Dominion. British Columbia, like the last rose of summer, is left all alone to bloom in its glory in Conservatism. Never before in the history of Confederation were the provinces so united in array against the Federal Government. For a lengthened period Ontario, single handed, had to fight the battles for Provincial rights. On her side are now arrayed every province barring British Columbia. It is known here that on many questions the sympathy of this country is with the eastern provinces in their contentions for their rights and sovereignty. Manitoba is to be congratulated on the success which has attended the efforts of the Liberal party, aided, as they undoubtedly have been, by a powerful wing of the Independent Conservatives in their struggles for pure and honest government. The contest for years was a bitter one; but the end had to come. The stepping down and out of Messrs. Norquay and La Riviere was the beginning of the break up. The Hon. C. P. Brown was the first to desert the sinking ship. The swapping of Norquay for Harrison in the middle of the stream was regarded as a bad piece of political generalship. Since the latter assumed the reigns the party has gone from bad to worse. The Liberal leader, Hon. Mr. Greenway, is an old politician, having graduated in the County of Huron, Ont., for which county he sat in the Commons of Canada for several years. He began his career as a Conservative, but finding himself not in accord with that party subsequently deserted it. Since then he has worked in and out of season for the advancement of the cause of Liberalism and with success, for he has reached the goal of his ambition, the premiership of his adopted province. It would be premature to speculate on the personnel of his cabinet. Should the names suggested in our Winnipeg dispatch be the constitutional advisers selected by him his cabinet will indeed be a strong one politically, socially and in point of ability second to none in the Dominion. In a day or two the cabinet will be completed. It is quite probable that an appeal will be made to the country by Mr. Greenway, as the present house was elected under the regime of his opponents. Precedent entitles him to this privilege, which Lieut.-Governor Aikens will assuredly grant. It will be observed that Mr. Norquay has been selected as leader of the Conservatives. The Liberals have the reins in their hands now, and if properly controlled they are likely to remain with them for some time. But they must pursue a liberal, progressive policy, one calculated to promote the interests of that vast agricultural portion of our fair Dominion, and deal out even-handed justice to all sections. If this is done Manitoba will have no cause to regret the change she has made from Conservatism to progressive Liberalism.

TRADE AND COMMERCE.

The United States Bureau of Statistics has issued a condensed summary of that country's foreign trade for the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1887, which contains much that is interesting to those engaged in trade and commerce. The foreign trade of our neighbors reached its highest point in 1881, when the imports and exports totaled up to $1,545,000,000—the largest ever known. Since then there has been a very gradual decrease, last year's figures being $1,408,500,000. It is expected that for the current year from the increase in the volume of business that the figures of 1881 will be reached. Those who have studied American financial history are aware that importations fluctuate in the ratio of bank discounts, and that tariffs affect them secondarily. When business is active and banks have large deposits to lend the importation of foreign goods increases; when times are dull and the banks have less money to lend importations decline. In 1881 trade was buoyant, and the figures of the movement of foreign merchandise were unprecedented, so now the country is in the stage of recovery from the stagnation of 1883-85 and those same figures are creeping up again. The American foreign trade has more than doubled within the last quarter of a century. In 1860 the total imports were, in round figures, $252,600,000, and the total exports of domestic merchandise $312,200,000, in all $665,8000,000; in 1887 the imports were $692,300,000, and the exports of domestic merchandise $703,000,000, in all $1,395,000,000. But there has been no increase in the volume of foreign trade since 1879. The aggregate amount, including re exports of foreign merchandise, was exactly the same in 1887 as it was in 1884. Persons who are curious about that exploded phantom, the balance of trade, may, perhaps, be interested to hear that ever since 1876 the balance of trade has always been in favor of the country, just as previous to that year, from the outbreak of the war, it had always been against it. In 1881 the balance in its favor rose to the enormous figure of $259,700,000; in 1887, it was $23,800,000. How little this balance affects the specie movement—as it once used to be the fashion to believe it did—may be realized from the fact that for the years 1878 to 1883, inclusive, the United States were steady importers of gold; in 1884 and 1886 they were exporters; but in 1885 and 1887 the imports were again in excess. The United States is an exporter of silver. Analyzing the returns we find that more than half of the foreign trade of the United States is done with Europe. Of the $602,000,000 of imports brought into the country in 1887 $300,700,000 came from Europe, and nearly half of this, or $165,000,000, from Great Britain. The percentage of increase in importations from Europe since the outbreak of the war is 80 per cent.; but this percentage is irregularly distributed, the increase in importations from Germany being 336 per cent. The exports of domestic merchandise have increased since the outbreak of the war 122 per cent., a much larger increase than is shown in imports; of these, over one-half goes to Great Britain. That country took, in 1886, 52 per cent., and in 1887 51.6 per cent. of the total exportations of domestic merchandise. The trade with South America and the West Indies shows no material change since 1860; that with the Spanish West Indies has fallen off, while that with South America shows an increase of 106 per cent., and that with Asia and Oceanica an increase of 162 per cent., which chiefly reflects business exchanges with Australia and Japan. The United State's best customer for its surplus produce is thus seen to be England, but the most growing trade is that which is transacted between San Francisco and the countries lying fronting on the Pacific. The comparisons instituted by the bureau between 1881 and 1887 are given mainly in dollars, and are liable to deceive those who do not bear in mind that prices are generally lower now than they were 6 years ago, and hence that the actual volume of trade may be larger now than it was then, though the sums of money involved are smaller. Thus 2,190,000,000 pounds of cotton exported in 1881 represented $41,000,000 more than 2,169,000,000 pounds exported in 1887; 150,000,000 bushels of wheat shipped in 1881 yielded $77,000,000 more than 110,000,000 bushels shipped in 1887, and so on throughout the list. The bulk of the domestic exports consisted, in 1887, of three articles—cotton, breadstuffs and provisions. Of these three commodities there were sent abroad over $430,000,000 worth. Coal oil follows these close, with an export of $46,000,000; tobacco follows with an export of $29,000,000, and manufactures of wood with an export of $19,000,000. As compared with 1886, the export tables for 1887 show a heavy falling off in coin—$12,000,000, and a slight falling off in copper ore, hops, coal oil, beef, cheese, whiskey and tobacco, and a considerable increase in wheat, flour, cotton, pork and furs.

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL.

Cumberland gets the experimental farm for the Maritime Provinces. Cumberland is represented in the House of Commons by Sir Charles Tupper. What does Victoria get? Echo answers, what?

The result of the recent heavy orders for shipbuilding on the Clyde has been to stiffen the steel market, and an advance in the price of all classes of steel is now quoted. It is estimated that contracts are now in hand on the Clyde for 150,000 tons of new steel shipping.

The Queen has intimated that the prerogative of mercy, so far as Scotland is concerned, should in future be exercised by the Secretary for Scotland.

Toronto is a great city. It contains the Empire—aye, even the Globe and the World. A Sentinel is posted at its gates and a Guardian protects its people, while a Churchman looks after its spiritual welfare and a Review is held once a week. No wonder there is News to be sent in Telegrams and some left to go by Mail as late as Saturday Night. One thing it lacks—a better Grip on Truth.

The Empire sounds its first partisan note advocating the election of Baird in Queen's, N. B., against Mr. King who was cheated out of his seat by Baird and a dishonorable returning officer. If the Conservatives wanted the sympathy of honest men in their new fight for Queen's, they should have put forward somebody else than Baird. Everything that comes out about the man shows him to be a small souled creature. The election takes place on the 18th inst.

There has been issued "Commercial Union Document, No. 9," under the title of "the Perfect Development of Canada, is it inconsistent with British welfare?" being Mr. Wiman's speech at St. Thomas of the 3rd December last. We have also received Mr. Wiman's reply to Mr. Edgar, M. P. It is entitled "Three modes of Adjustment," and goes on to demonstrate that the requirements of the situation would be met, were they possible, by the reenactment of the old Reciprocity Treaty, Unrestricted Reciprocity, and Commercial Union; but the latter would be the most feasible.

How Men Die.

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B. C. Milling and Mining Co. (LIMITED.)

ASSESSMENT No. 19.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that an assessment of one cent per share has been levied upon the members of the above Company, payable at the Company's office in Victoria, B. C., on or before the twenty-fifth day of January, 1888, from and after which date all shares and certificates on which said call shall then remain unpaid, shall be deemed delinquent, subject to interest and costs, and will be dealt with according to law.
Dated the 5th day of January, 1888.
By order of the Board.
GEO. A. SARGISON,
jat dw Secretary.

The Boomerang.

McDERMOTT & CLIFFE having purchased from Capt. Babbington the Boomerang Saloon, on Langley Alley, formerly managed by Uncle Frank, solicit the patronage of the public. Only choice Wines, Liquors and Cigars kept in stock. Every attention paid to customers.
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